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SUBJECT: IMF TRADE DECLARATION

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1. IN ABSENCE CHIEF OF GATT-OECD DIVISION OF MFA RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBJECT MATTER, ECON/COMM COUNSELOR DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH R. SOHLMAN, CHIEF OF FIRST DIVISION OF MFA RESPONSIBLE FOR REGIONAL AFFAIRS.

2. ACCORDING TO SOHLMAN, GOS HAS NOT ARRIVED AT DECISION ON IMF TRADE DECLARATION; AGREED HOWEVER TO LOOK INTO MATTER AND TO RESPOND IN DUE COURSE. AS A BACKGROUND, SOHLMAN SAID GOS ACCEPTS THE TRADE DECLARATION IDEA AS IT HAS DONE IN THE OECD, BUT THERE IS A FEELING IN HIS GOVERNMENT THAT IMF IS NOT THE BEST FORUM SINCE DECLARATION WILL BE WEAKENED BY LDCS WHICH EITHER ARE UNABLE TO SUBSCRIBE OR WILL FEEL IMPELLED TO TAKE RESTRICTIVE UNILATERAL TRADE MEASURES FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND POSSIBLE OTHER REASONS. GOS VIEW IS THAT OECD AND GATT ARE THE PROPER FORA FOR TRADE DECLARATIONS.

3. COMMEND. RECENT OCTOBER 17 INDOCHINA DONOR GROUP MEETING IN PARIS, AT WHICH GOS REPRESENTATIVE TOOK OBSTRUCTIVE POSITION ON AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM, AND MINISTER OF COMMERCE KJELL-H OLOF FELDT'S STATEMENT AT IBRD MEETING IN WASHINGTON QUESTIONING WORLD BANK'S PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDING AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM WOULD APPEAR TO INDICATE THAT GOS MAY BE SLOW IN ACCEPTING TRADE DECLARATION UNDER IMF. WE WILL CONTINUE, AS WE HAVE DONE, TO URGE GOS TO SUBSCRIBE TO TRADE DECLARATION UNDER IMF.
JOHNSON

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